

## **Rotman Institute of Philosophy Graduate Student Membership Policy**

The Rotman Institute will train the next generation of scholars to engage complex problems from an interdisciplinary perspective, informed by rigorous philosophical thought. Graduate students are involved centrally in the work of the Rotman Institute and contribute to its vitality in a variety of ways. There are two categories of graduate student membership.

### **Resident Members**

Graduate students may generally apply for residency in the Rotman Institute once their course work has been completed. A call for applications for residency in the Rotman Institute will go out in the summer of each year. An application must include a brief statement of research interests (250 words) and a university transcript. Applications will be reviewed on the basis of scholarly performance and fit with the Rotman Institute, and successful applicants will be granted a one-year term as a resident member. Those who fulfill the obligations listed below are eligible for renewal for up to three years in total. Renewals will be reviewed each term on the basis of scholarly performance and fulfillment of the following obligations.

#### *Obligations and Responsibilities:*

- Participate in interdisciplinary research projects, bridging philosophy and the sciences, that advance the Institute's vision and mission.
- Actively contribute to the intellectual life of the Rotman Institute. (Including attendance at all lectures in the Rotman speaker series and major public events, and participating in other Institute activities, such as workshops and reading groups, where appropriate.)
- Support public engagement and knowledge mobilization activities. (Including, but not limited to, contributing one post per academic year for the Institute's blog, or equivalent.)
- Be regularly present in the Institute's collaborative work space at least three days per week.
- Submit an annual update, and notify staff of news to be included in communications.
- Attend the Graduate Student member's meeting (usually held once per term).

#### *Benefits:*

- Workstation in the collaborative Institute space, equipped with a computer and shared printer;
- Support from Institute staff and IT support;
- Access to Institute stationery supplies;
- Eligibility to receive Institute funding to support research projects and other activities;
- Close proximity to core Institute Faculty Members.

## **Members**

Graduate Student Members play an important role in advancing the Vision and Mission of the Rotman Institute. They are expected to participate in interdisciplinary research projects, bridging philosophy and the sciences, that advance the Institute's Vision and Mission, and to contribute to the intellectual life of the Institute. Student members are obligated to file a brief report annually on their contributions to the Institute. Members are welcome to use the Rotman Institute's space and participate in events, and are eligible to receive funding to support research projects and other activities. A call for new graduate student members goes out each year in September, but students who wish to become Members can apply at any time. An application consists of a brief statement of research interests (250 words), along with an biographical form (used for a website profile). Applications will be reviewed on the basis of scholarly performance and fit with the Rotman Institute.

The Director may assign workspace within the Rotman Institute to undergraduates, graduate students, and visitors as required to meet the needs of ongoing research projects.